

## Barnes & Thornburg

### Attorneys at Law

One North Wacker Drive, Suite 4400

Chicago, Illinois 60606-2809

Telephone: (312) 357-1313

Fax: (312) 759-5646

**Number of pages:** 06

**To:** Patent & Trademark Office

**Fax Number:** 1 703 872 9314

**From:**

**Date:** Friday, July 25, 2003 11:04:04 AM

**Special Remarks:**

---

IN CASE OF ANY PROBLEMS DURING TRANSMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT THE ABOVE INDIVIDUAL AT (312) 357-1313. OUR FAX MACHINE IS AUTOMATICALLY ANSWERED.

---

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This message is for the exclusive use of the individual or entity to which it is addressed and is confidential. If you are not the addressee or an employee or agent of the addressee responsible for delivering it to the addressee, please do not read, use, disclose, copy or distribute this message and do not take any action in reliance upon it. If you have received this message in error, please notify us immediately by telephone (collect) to arrange for its return. We do not intend to waive any attorney-client or work product privilege by the transmission of this message.

---

Indianapolis Fort Wayne South Bend Elkhart Chicago Washington, D.C. Grand Rapids

Attorney Docket:  
920476-904672

**BARNES & THORNBURG**

P.O. Box 2786  
Chicago, IL 60690-2786  
FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION  
TO: (703) 872 9314

**Official**

DATE: July 25, 2003

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER PAGE: 5

TO: HONORABLE DIRECTOR OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

EXAMINER: Ronald B. Abelson

GROUP ART UNIT: 26666

ATTN Examiner

MAIL STOP Responses No Fee

Attached: Response To Office Action Of May 6, 2003

If you do not receive all pages, please contact William M. Lee, Jr. at (312) 214-4800 or his assistant, Jennifer Ramirez at (312) 214-4829.

**Certificate of Transmission**

I hereby certify that this paper for Serial No. 09/349,346 facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, Fax Number (703) 872 9314 on the date shown below.

Jennifer J. Ramirez

Name of Person Signing

  
Signature

July 25, 2003

Response #8

8/1/03

920476-904672

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Official

In the application of : Stacey, David John  
Serial No. : 09/349,346  
Filed : July 7, 1999  
For : Asynchronous Scheduler  
Examiner : Abelson, Ronald B  
Art Unit : 2666

726-03  
EX-103

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the above - identified examiner at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (703) 872-9314 on July 25, 2003

Name of person signing Jennifer J. Ramirez  
Signature

**RESPONSE**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2003, applicant makes the following submission.